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## AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated June 27, 2002 (Paper No. 8) in the above-identified patent application. The finality of the outstanding Office Action has been removed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows, including the changes shown in the attached mark-up version.

## In the claims:

follows:

Please cancel claims 14 and 19. Please amend claims 13 and 17 to read as